

# IS TOBACCO PROFITABLE

Question Argued in Prince Edward and Lunenburg.

## COUNTRY SCHOOLS CLOSE.

In Prince Edward the School Board Has Funds Sufficient For Another Half Month if the Rest Can be Raised by Subscription.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MEHERRIN, VA., March 14.—A much argued question through this immediate section is whether or not there is more money in the cultivation of tobacco or in other crops that are raised by the farmers. It is a well known fact that in the old ante-bellum days that dark tobacco was the moneyed crop raised on the various farms through this section, and the "struggle" this crop has received more attention from the mass of people than any other raised. Those who have kept their farms in going order, yet maintaining a low price for the tobacco, the weed there is yet more money in the cultivation of the weed than in any other crop that is at present raised in this section; while those who have allowed their farms to go down claim that it is impossible for them to make a living by raising tobacco, and some few of them claim that they do not realize enough from the crop to pay the agent for the fertilizer used on it.

One of our best farmers was heard to say a few days ago that he could take one acre of good land and plant it in tobacco and realize three times as much from it as from any other crop that can be raised. This gentleman keeps a good pen of stock, raises manure and improves his farm in various other ways, and with the use of a small amount of guano, good tobacco crops are the results. More of our farmers are paying attention to the cultivation of bright tobacco in the past few years since the demand for the dark kind is growing weaker. Many of those who have experimented in this direction, claim that the results are much more satisfactory. Many advantages are derived in the growing of this kind over the dark, as it can be marketed much earlier and can be raised on poorer land with the same amount of fertilizer, and the demand has been greater for this class in the past few years, and altogether the outlook is much better for the future.

The soil through this section is well adapted to the raising of this kind. Chicken-raising is getting to be one of the leading industries through this section with the new German styles. Many of the farmers are turning to this point and installed in the numerous farm-houses. The best breeds are being purchased and this industry promises to be a permanent one. Most of the fowls and eggs are disposed of here in the village at good prices, and the past few months the demand has been greater than the supply.

The schools in Prince Edward county, Leigh District, will all close their five month session in a few days. The Board met several days ago and found that they had enough money left to run each school an additional month at just half of the regular pay. Several of the teachers have declined to accept the offer, and the rest have declined to teach unless the patrons will make up the deficit. Some few of the schools have gone to work with the hope of raising the sum and have the school continue another month.

Those in Lunenburg have not been so fortunate, and will close their doors in a few days.

Last Monday was County Court day, and an account of the proceedings was crowded was not so large as usual. No cases of importance were tried and business was therefore quite dull for the professional kind. The better part of the day was turned over to the horse-dealer and each one had a rare display of the animals on hand with prices about 20 per cent. higher than a few months ago, and notwithstanding this, good, substantial horses were in demand and many sales and trades were transacted. Tuesday the supervisors met and the usual routine of business was transacted.

The business partnership of Messrs. Perkins and Shuckleton was dissolved a few days ago. Mr. Perkins will continue at his old stand, and Mr. Shuckleton will resume business near his home, about two miles distant from this point. This was caused by the health of Mr. Shuckleton, who has not been very good for the past year, and he moved to his farm in hopes of regaining his lost vigor.

Mrs. Rosa McFarlane, of Richmond, Va., is spending a few weeks as the guest of Mrs. Thomas Baker, near here. Miss Cordie V. Enning, of the B. F. I., was the guest of her home people near here on Sunday and Monday last.

Mr. J. P. Perkins, the guest of his brother, Mr. L. B. Perkins, at this place.

Mr. Julius Lash spent two days in testifying against the man who defrauded him out of a horse, bill and some cash, and who immediately left for Richmond and forged his name to a check which was cashed by the Christian & Winfree Company. The man was captured in North Carolina and will be tried here on a similar charge and will be sent to Richmond, where he will be tried on this charge.

Mrs. A. O. Armbrister, who for the past two weeks has been visiting her people here, has returned to her home at Sutherland.

## CHURCH CONSECrated

St. John's at Glasgow Has Been Completed and is Now Free From Debt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEXINGTON, VA., March 14.—St. John's Episcopal Church at Glasgow, Rockbridge county, was this morning consecrated by the Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Rev. R. J. McBryde, D. D., rector of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, of Lexington, officiated at the consecration service. Other visiting clergymen who took part in the exercises were Rev. Dr. Owen and Rev. Dr. Lloyd, of Lynchburg, and Rev. W. H. Milton, of Roanoke. The new church is a handsome, but modest, brick structure, and was completed and freed from debt a short time ago. The rector is Rev. J. M. Robinson, who also is rector of the Episcopal Church at Buena Vista, and also of a chapel on James River near the Natural Bridge.

The Circuit Court of Rockbridge, Judge R. H. Letcher presiding, has been occupied the greater portion of the week in hearing the case of Captain S. B. Walker, Jr., against A. J. Comer, in which the former brought suit for \$25, as commissioner, etc., for the sale of a farm belonging to the defendant. A verdict for \$100 was rendered by the jury, and the plaintiff at once made application to the court to set aside the verdict and grant another trial.

Mr. J. B. Winters, of Roanoke county, who has had considerable experience in

the canning industry, has formed a partnership with Messrs. T. T. Dickenson & Co., of Buena Vista, for the purpose of establishing and operating a canning industry the coming season at Buena Vista. Contracts have been made with farmers and truckers in that vicinity to furnish 10,000 bushels of tomatoes. The establishment will also can corn, vegetables and fruits, especially huckleberries, which grow in great abundance on the mountains adjacent to Buena Vista.

## THEY WILL HAVE AN IRISH SMOKER SOON

In anticipation of St. Patrick's day, which falls on Tuesday next, the McGill Catholic Union will have an Irish smoker Monday night. Instead of the regular meeting. Everything will be Irish, including the people present, or many of them. Irish pipes will be used and Irish tobacco will be smoked. Father J. B. O'Reilly, of Sacred Heart, then whom there is no greater Irishman, will speak, as will also the Hon. Samuel L. Kelley.

The celebration of St. Patrick's day this year will not be of an elaborate character. The Catholic societies of the city will meet in the morning in a body and will march to St. Patrick's Church, where special services will be held.

**Rainy Sunday.**  
Prospects are for another rainy Sunday, such as those in which Richmond has delighted for the past several months. The Weather Bureau makes the unqualified prediction "Sunday, rain." It is rumored that the Bureau keeps this line of type set up, and pushes it across the map every Saturday. At all events the rain comes regularly.

There is no likelihood of any cold weather within the near future.

**Transferred to Asheville.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., March 14.—Mr. A. Ramsour, superintendent on this division of the Southern Railway, has been transferred to Asheville, N. C. Mr. Ramsour and family have been here for about two years, and have made friends who will be pained to see them leave.

## Miller & Rhoads.



## Two Great Values In the Basement To-Morrow

2,000 Yards Utica Cotton, 6c Yard  
Worth at Least 9c

You know what Utica Cotton is—so it's useless to say much about it. This cotton's a yard wide and a very heavy weight.

About 1,000 Yards of Percales, 6c Yard.

Are you a good judge of Percales?

If you are, you'll thoroughly appreciate what it means to get Cloth worth from 8-13 to 10c. for 6c. a yard.

We have taken a couple of hundred yards from this lot and that to make up a special offering for Monday.

Light and dark patterns.

## Fine Linens

### For Shirt Waists and Suits

There's never been a fabric adopted for wash suits that looks better or wears better than the plain linen.

May its popularity hold for a long while.

Genuine Irish Linen, 2 1/2 yards wide, in medium and heavy weights, \$1.25.

36-inch All-Linen White Waist-ing, 39c.

45-inch All-Linen White Waist-ing, 50c.

Fine White Linen Cambric, 36 inches wide, all pure linen, 39c.

Fine White Linen Lawn, 24 inches wide, sheer quality, 25c.

Colored Linen, 27 inches wide, 12 1/2c.

36 inches wide, 25c.

Brown Linen, 27 inches wide, 12 1/2c.

36 inches wide, 25c.

The New Wash Goods For Spring

There's a handsome cloth out this spring for 15c. yard, and in so many pretty patterns that the makers call it a Novelty fabric. All made in this country, but among them is a Black and White Shephard Check, that you'll look twice at before you can tell it from an imported cloth at three or four times the price.

Batiste, with lace inserting or edges, and intertwined through the ground work are beautiful floral effects—only 12c. a yard, though a customer told us yesterday she thought it was worth 25c.

White Mercerized Novelty, 25c.

Swiss, with beautifully embroidered dots of various colors, 17c.

Spring Dress Ginghams, 8 1/2c.

Zephyr Ginghams, 15c.

## Miller & Rhoads.

## New Spring Dress Goods

are here a plenty, and your Easter Dress not selected yet.

Yes, we know Easter's nearly a month off, but dressmakers can only work so fast and accommodate a certain number of people. This is merely a hint for you

**Rice Voiles, \$1.00.**

42 inches wide and very sheer, in Cadet, Reseda, Tan and Royal Blue.

**Flecked Voiles, \$1.00.**

42 inches wide, solid grounds, with flecks of white.

**French Voiles, \$1.00 and \$1.25.**

42 inches wide, in both the fine and heavy mesh.

**Mistral Etamines, \$1.00.**

45 inches wide, made of hard-twisted yarns.

**Wool Crepe de Chines, 69c.**

42 inches wide, in a wide range of the most desirable colorings.

**Wheelmen's Cloth, \$2.00.**

65 inches wide and just the correct weight for the new spring jackets and walking suits. Two shades of Tan, three shades of Gray and Navy Blue.

**Prunella Cloths, \$1.00.**

45 inches wide, all pure wool, with very high luster, in Black and Colors.

**Striped Cheviots, 75c.**

50 inches wide, in two shades of Blue and Black.

**All-Wool Cheviots, 50c.**

42 inches wide, and one of the best numbers we have had for the price, in Black and Colors.

**All-Wool Albatross, 39c.**

**All-Wool Balise, 39c.**

**All-Wool Cheviots, 39c.**

In Black and Colors.

## Some Sample News of New Silks

Everybody on both sides of the Atlantic has been talking Silks, and the result of it all has been the production of the most beautiful weaves for a long time, and more of them. You may judge from these selections that we have our share—fact is, we've never carried such a large stock as we have this spring—and all good ones.

**Japanese Foulards, 50c.**

23 inches wide, all pure silk, in dainty dots and small figures.

**Japanese Wash Silks, 39c.**

In all white as well as the colors, in both fine and heavy cords.

**Wash Taffetas, 48c.**

Solid colored grounds, with narrow white stripes, in Black, Reseda, Tan and Light Blue.

**Natural Habutai, 39c.**

All pure silk, 27 inches wide, in the natural Cream White.

**Natural Habutai, 35c.**

All pure silk, 23 inches wide.

**Peau de Cygne, 75c.**

10 inches wide, very lustrous, in a wide range of colors as well as Black.

**Peau de Amure, 79c.**

10 inches wide, all pure silk.

**Peau de Sole, 89c.**

20 inches wide, all silk.

**Princess Crepe, 89c.**

20 inches wide, in Black and Colors.

**Striped and Checked Taffetas, 59c.**

All pure silk, in dainty checks and hair-line stripes.

**Louise Checks, 75c.**

10 inches wide, in the most desirable colorings.

**Black Taffeta, 69c.**

19 inches wide, guaranteed to wear, woven in selvedge.

**Gras de Poplin, 59c.**

19 inches wide and very lustrous, in White, Light Gray, Old Rose, Reseda, Cadet, Light Blue, Navy and Black.

**Black Peau de Cygne, \$1.00.**

All pure silk, soft and lustrous, guaranteed to wear well.

**Black Waterproof Silk, 75c.**

27 inches wide, all pure silk, water-proof, perspiration-proof and fast-black.

**Black Swiss Habutai, 85c.**

26 inches wide, all pure silk, light and soft and guaranteed to wear.

\$1.25 for

A White Bedspread

11-4 size, in white crocheted Marcelline patterns, nicely hemmed and fringed, sold lots of them during the special sale a couple of weeks ago.

A finely made, extra size Marcelline Spread, in floral and scroll designs, is \$2.00. You'll pay \$2.50 for it, as a rule, in most places.

## Miller & Rhoads.

## Some New Linings

that will correspond in quality with our silks and dress-goods.

**Taffelines, 35c.**

10 inches wide, all silk, in fifteen desirable shades, including Black and White.

**Bengaline Morelets, 39c.**

27 inches wide, beautifully watered, in the most desirable shades, excellent for coat and skirt linings.

**Lucerne Cloth, 35c.**

36 inches wide, soft and lustrous, mercerized in the yarn, therefore will retain its luster after washing. Full range of colorings as well as Fast-Black.

**Shadow Silk, 17c.**

This is an all-cotton fabric, finished with a very high luster, light weight, but with about the same stiffness as a good quality taffeta silk. Fast-Black and Colors.

**Moire and Beveled Percales.**

In Fast-Black and Colors, from 10 up to 25c.

**Mercerized Satteens, 29c and 19c.**

36 inches wide, soft and lustrous, in a wide range of Colors as well as Fast-Black.

**Dundee Facing, 12 1/2c.**

This Facing is warranted, shrunk and after being wet recovers its original elasticity, making it a desirable fabric for skirt facings.

## Women's Tailored Suits

One of the greatest advances this season is in the tailoring—more care exercised in the fitting, more attention paid to the right kind of stitching—everything, in fact, that tends to raise the standard higher has been thought of this spring, and this attention to detail has not been in the higher-priced suits alone, but has gone down the line to the lowest priced suits that we sell—ten dollars.

We have four good styles to start the season with at that price—two Dress Suits, a Venetian, nicely trimmed, or a neat looking Black Cheviot and two Walking Suits, a Norfolk Jacket style, and an Eton, with a flat collar.

The clever serviceable Cheviot shows to an advantage in a \$13.50 Suit, either Black or Blue. The skirt is unlined and of quite light weight. The jacket is piped and lined with taffeta—has a flat collar and double capes.

Walking Suits are better tailored this season than ever before—a Black or Blue Cheviot for \$17.50 has a 13-gored jacket, lined with taffeta, Bishop sleeves and fly front.

Light weight, unlined skirt.

A Suit for \$22.50 is in the fashionable Etamine style. Bands of taffeta all over this pretty suit—jacket taffeta lined. Percale drop-skirt.

\$25.00 is a moderate price for one of the new Nocturne Mixture Gowns, in Blue and Gray—shown for the first time on Friday. Jacket is collarless and prettily trimmed in braid and ribbon, in colors to match. Light weight unlined skirt.

## An Imported Black Broadcloth

for \$30.00 is different only in one respect from a similar suit a ladies' tailor would charge you fifty-five or sixty for—and that one thing is the price—for the material and make-up of our Suit is as good as any custom-made Suit. 15-gored jacket, 22 inches long, strapped and a tight-fitting front. 9-gored skirt, which is strapped to match the jacket.

## Three Dainty Pieces of Muslin Underwear

One of them is a new Skirt, that is made extra wide, to serve as a drop-skirt under thin dresses. It's of fine cambric, with deep lawn ruffle, tucks and dust ruffle—\$1.50.

A Long Skirt of Fine Cambric for \$2.50 has a deep lawn ruffle, trimmed with tucks and two rows of Point de Paris lace insertion, with a ruffle all.

**Special—No. 3 for to-morrow** is a Summer Gown of Nainsook, made in Chemise style, with a low neck and short sleeves.

It's finished with bands of organza, through which are drawn narrow bands of pretty ribbon, ribbon bow also, \$1.75.

## Trunks

### For Your Spring Vacation

Six sample Trunks to sell for \$12.50 each—and being samples, the trunk man put his best foot forward. Canvas covered, linen lined, leather bound, brass clamped, excelsior lock and iron bottom. Some are roller trays—the others two trays, with leather straps.

## Miller & Rhoads.

## Spring Furnishings For the Little Folks

White Lawn Dresses, 50c.

It's wonderful how you can get hold of bargains sometimes when you're willing to go to the trouble of hunting them.

Our Children's Wear buyer heard of some extraordinarily good values in White Lawn Dresses while she was North and spent some little time tracing them out.

The result is we can offer the best 50c. Long-Waisted White Lawn Dress that has ever been seen in Richmond for children between 1 and 4 years old.

You could hardly buy the material alone for that price, without counting your own labor in making or a dressmaker's charges, if you didn't make it yourself.

One style has the front trimmed with hemstitched tucks and the back with clustered hemstitched tucks. Sleeves and neck with hemstitched ruffle. The skirt is full, with a deep hemstitched hem. Felled seams.

Another style has a full front, with four hemstitched tucks and a hemstitched ruffle on both sides of the tucking. The back is trimmed with hemstitched tucks and the neck and sleeves finished with long ruffles.

Skirt has a deep hemstitched hem.

Children's Linen Coats, made with box-pleated back, plain box front, with belt and sailor collar, trimmed with embroidery insertion, ruffle of embroidery, \$2.75.

Black Taffeta Silk Coats, Monte Carlo back, sailor collar, trimmed with silk braid, medallions, \$5.00.

White P. K. Reofers, with large sailor collar, trimmed with embroidery insertion and ruffles of embroidery, \$1.25.

Capes of fine quality lawn, with wide ties, trimmed with hemstitched, Val. lace and medallions, all sizes, 50c.

Dainty Cape of White Cashmere, hand-made and embroidered in French knots, with hood trimmed with Val. lace, \$4.75.

## A Little Corset Talk

Just to remind you that a perfectly fitting dress needs a perfectly fitting Corset, and a perfectly fitting Corset is only obtainable where variety of model and the skill of the fitter is combined—and you'll find that combination here.

P. N. Corsets, for spring and summer, fine mercerized broadcloth, trimmed with lace and ribbon, for medium figures, \$2.50.

The C. B. A. La Sperito, long habit hip, made of fine silk broadcloth, trimmed with satin ribbon, in all White and Blue, \$5.00.

A New Girdle is one made of mercerized batiste, with hemstitched effect, trimmed with ribbon and tabs for the supporters, \$1.50.

## The March Sale of House Furnishings

Will offer you to-morrow, among other things, some exceptionally good fine China Dinner Sets at what we consider low prices.

114 pieces in each set—shapes all new this season, and your choice of four pretty decorations, pink, blue, purple and green—\$18.89.

We might talk more about them, but we believe what we've said and what you'll see to-morrow (there's one in the showcase at the basement stairs) will be all the argument necessary.

Semi-Porcelain Dinner Sets, of 100 pieces, in border patterns, new shapes and gold tracings, \$12.50 and \$13.50.

Among the wealth of Lamps there's only one we'll mention to-day—and that is a good bargain. Handsome Red Lamp, with a 9-inch globe and removable foot, only \$3.50.

Umbrella Stands, in all colors, \$1.50, \$1.89 and \$2.00.

Beautiful Jardinieres, 9 1/2 inches wide, with handles, for \$1.00.

Compare them with the regular dollar fifty articles. These came to us under price.

Jardinier, 12-inch size, with open work, and Pedestal, extra large size, \$5.89.

## A Couple of Good Rug Values

Moquet and Smyrnaes, 27x39 inches, \$2.50.

Smyrnaes, 36x72 inches, light or dark, \$4.50.

## Miller & Rhoads.

## Lace Curtains, Portieres and Lambrequin

## Bargains To-Morrow

Our advice is to grasp these

Curtain opportunities now—they may not be here just the day you feel you must refresh at once.

\$3.00 and \$3.50 Nottingham Lace Curtains for \$2.50.

Full length and width, with plain or figured centers.

\$2.00 Striped Madras Curtains, \$1.50 a pair. Blue, Pink and Green stripes.

\$3.00 a pair for Real Irish Pointe, Renaissance and Arabian Lace Curtains, made of the best quality Saxony net, 2 1/2 yards long and full width, 2 and 4 pairs of a kind.

Lambrequins generally need a little renewing about this time in the spring—pretty ones here for 98c. of French satteen, with heavy hand-made knotted fringe. All colors. Reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.48.

\$5.00 for Heavy Tapestry Portieres—only 1 pair, though, of each kind, and they're certainly handsome Curtains: solid colors, striped and two-tone effects; heavy knotted fringe.

## Always Purchase Perfect Matting

Never be tempted into buying a Matting if it's defective in any way—no matter what the price, it's money thrown away.

The two we advertise to-day represent Matting perfection at the two prices.

Japanese Linen Warp for 25c. in Blue, Red and Green carpet designs, and a Heavy China Matting for 30c. in either small or large weaves.

The prices include laying.

## THE HIGH PRICES OF WILD BEASTS

## Some Astonishing Figures Are Given by the Managers of Bostock's.

According to the latest accounts that have been cabled to the Bostock Animal show, respecting the monster elephant, Mr. Jingo, of English and Hindoostanee fame that is now on his way to this country, it would appear that he is not only the largest of all large elephants that have ever been placed on public exhibition in this country, but also the most remarkable one that has ever been seen alive in captivity.

Mr. Frank C. Bostock, on his arrival in England, visited the London Zoo, noticed the huge and superb proportions of this extremely magnificent animal. For many days like a cat playing with a mouse, he approached the management of the London Zoo as to whether they would sell or not, many interviews took place, the price went up and down the list like stocks on "change" running all prices of the game until finally a price was arrived at.